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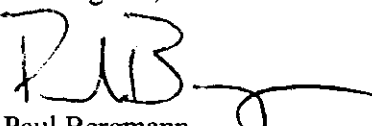
Re: CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 00-256

Dear Ms. Dortch,

This is to certify that the Jefferson Telephone Company of South Dakota (SAC 391666) qualifies for safety net payment eligibility in 2005. After comparing Jefferson's TPIS per loop for the two most recent study years, it is apparent that Jefferson meets the criteria established for Safety Net Additive Support. Supporting documentation has been supplied to NECA as requested.

Jefferson's TPIS per loop has increased by more than the fourteen percent trigger established in the FCC's Order. Should you require any additional information, you can contact our consultant, ICORE, directly. Inquiries can be made to Paul Kutches or Chris Jacobus at (610) 928-3944.

Best regards,


Paul Bergmann
President

cc: Irene Flannery, USAC

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